

Backcountry Camping Trip Guide

Two Nights

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Doyles River and Furnace Mountain

Standard - Circuit

Level: Experienced

Total Length: 16.7 to 17.7 miles

Trip Description: Spectacular mountain, three popular waterfalls, and geology

Entry: 81 MP - Big Run OL/Doyles River Pkg

Exit: 81 MP - Big Run OL/Doyles River Pkg

Map(s): PATC #11 South District

Day One

Campsite: Doyles River Trail - backcountry

2.3 miles

Hike down Doyles River Trail for 2.2 miles.

Find a place to camp downstream from the confluence of Doyles River and Jones Run.

Day Two

Campsite: Furnace Mtn Trail - backcountry

8 to 9 miles

Hike upstream on Jones Run Trail, hiking 2.5 miles.

Turn left onto the Appalachian Trail (AT), hiking 1.3 miles.

Turn right onto Blackrock Spur Trail and hike 0.1 mile.

Turn right onto Trayfoot Mountain Trail and hike 0.5 mile.

Turn right onto Furnace Mountain Trail, hiking up to 3.4 miles.

Camping option one – There are places to camp off to your left (west) 1/3 mile before you cross the stream.

Or turn right onto Madison Run Fire Road and hike one mile for camping option two:

Camping option two -- After one mile turn right off of the road near the Austin Mt Trail and cross the stream. There are some level areas on the south bank that are campable

Day Three

6.4 miles

Turn right onto Madison Run Fire Road (if you camped on Furnace Mt Trail) and hike 0.6 mile.

Turn left onto Austin Mountain Trail, hiking 3.2 miles.

Turn right onto Rockytop Trail and hike 0.4 mile.

Turn right onto Big Run Loop Trail, hiking 0.7 mile.

Turn left onto the AT and hike north 1.5 miles.

Turn left to return to Doyles River Parking

Notes

Potential high water crossings on Jones Run (sometimes on Doyles River, too).